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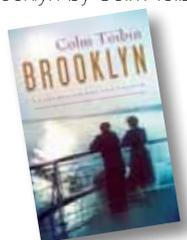
**BACK IN STOCK**

**Matthew Flinders:  
Navigator and Chartmaker**  
by Geoffrey Ingleton  
(Hb \$100)

**COSTA AWARDS**

Fiction

*Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin



Children's

*The Ask and the Answer*  
by Patrick Ness

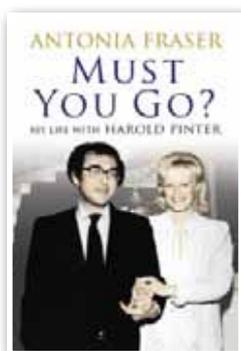
**COMING IN MARCH**

**Solar** by Ian McEwan  
(Tp \$32.95)

**Requiem for a  
Species: Why We  
Resist the Truth About  
Climate Change**  
by Clive Hamilton  
(Pb \$24.99)

**Point Omega** by Don  
Delillo (Tp \$29.99)

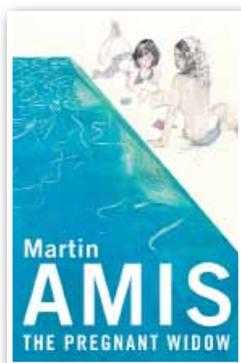
**The Ides: Caesar's  
Murder and the War  
for Rome** by Stephen  
Dando-Collins  
(Hb \$39.95)



**Must You Go?**  
**My Life with Harold  
Pinter**  
Antonia FRASER  
341pp Hb \$55

As the subtitle says, this is "my life with Harold Pinter", not Lady Fraser's complete life, and certainly not his life. In essence, it is a love story, and as with many love stories, the beginning and the end, the first light and the twilight, are dealt with more fully than the

period in between. The result is an insightful testimony to modern literature's most celebrated marriage, between the greatest playwright of the age and a beautiful, prize-winning biographer. Fraser has kept meticulous diaries since 1968 when she suffered from withdrawal symptoms after finishing her first historical biography, **Mary Queen of Scots** (Pb \$27.99). Her diaries pay special attention to any green shoots where Pinter's writing is concerned. Pinter and Fraser lived together from August 1975 until his death 33 years later on Christmas Eve 2008. "O! call back yesterday, bid time return," cries a courtier to Richard II. This is her uniquely compelling way of doing so. *Due Feb*

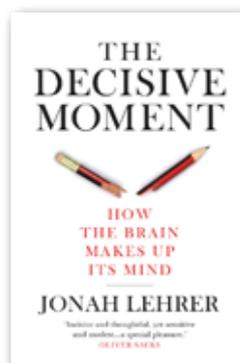


**The Pregnant Widow**  
Martin AMIS  
470pp Tp \$32.95

I keep snatching up new Amis novels as they come out, hoping for the sort of reading high I experienced with **London Fields** (Pb \$24.95) in the early 90s.

After reading **Koba the Dread** (Pb \$27.95) - an extraordinarily self-indulgent and, at least in one instance I found, factually incorrect ramble supposedly about Stalin (yet somehow more about Amis

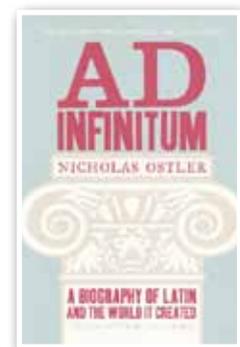
and his inability to stop his baby daughter crying) - I almost gave up on my once favourite author. In **London Fields**, the aptly named Keith Talent, a darts-playing, foul-mouthed sponger, is a memorable and charismatically awful chap. Once again, the main character is called Keith (Nearing), but this time we meet a foppish, 20-year-old arts student swanking about an Italian castle on a long summer holiday in 1970 with two young girls. The pumping hormones waft from the pages. Keith's girlfriend Lily, sexually uninhibited, is aware that her intelligence outstrips her looks, whereas the enigmatic Scheherazade (with whom Keith shares a bathroom and keeps 'accidentally' walking in on while she's half-dressed), is unaware that her beauty has 'kicked in'. With numerous literary references to the books they are studying and a vocabulary that will have you reaching for the nearest dictionary, Amis shows off his literary skills, but perhaps to the detriment of good old-fashioned storytelling. *Due Feb Ann*



**The Decisive  
Moment**  
**How the Brain  
Makes Up its Mind**  
Jonah LEHRER  
304pp Pb \$26.95

Since Plato, philosophers have described the decision-making process as either rational or emotional: we carefully deliberate, or we 'blink' and go with our gut. But as scientists break open the mind's black box with the latest tools of neuroscience, they are

discovering this is not how the mind actually works. Our best decisions are a finely tuned blend of both feeling and reason, and the precise mix depends on the situation. When buying a house, for example, it is best to let our unconscious mull over the many variables. But when picking stocks and shares, intuition often leads us astray. The trick is to determine when to lean on which part of the brain. To do this, we need to think harder and smarter about how we think! Lehrer arms us with the tools we need to make better decisions.



**Ad Infinitum**  
**A Biography of Latin  
and the World It Created**  
Nicholas OSTLER  
352pp Pb \$24.99

The Latin language has been a constant in the cultural history of the West for over two millennia. It has shaped the way we think of ourselves and of our place in the world. It has been the foundation of our education for centuries and defined how we express our

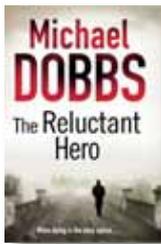
thoughts, faith and knowledge of the world. Latin began life as the cumbersome dialect of a small southern Italian city-state, yet its active use has outlasted even the Roman Empire. This book explores why Latin has had such a long-lasting impact on language, how it managed to stay alive for two millennia despite the cultural 'superiority' of Greek, why its roots remained untouched while empires rose and fell, as well as the influence of religion, war and the ways it has progressed through medieval times to the present day. *Due Feb*



**Books - Where Ideas Grow**



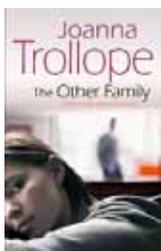
## FICTION



### The Reluctant Hero

Michael DOBBS  
448pp Tp \$32.99

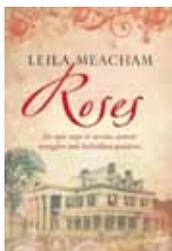
When Harry Jones discovers that former friend Zac Kravitz's life is in danger, a debt of honour sends him on a perilous rescue mission to Kargistan, a mountainous and landlocked former Soviet republic bordering Russia, China and Afghanistan. Muscling his way onto a visiting delegation of MPs, he finds an unlikely ally in the stubbornly independent Martha. Together they devise a plan to break Zac out of the grim Bodima Prison. But the attempt backfires and Harry finds himself stuck in prison in Zac's place, realising little by little that all is not as it seemed and that he has been lured into a web of international conspiracy. *Due Feb*



### The Other Family

Joanna TROLLOPE  
352pp Tp \$32.95

Richie is a celebrated musician - wealthy, popular and adored by Chrissie and their three daughters. But when he dies without warning, Chrissie has to deal not only with her grief, but with the knowledge that her beloved Richie had another family, one he had deserted many years before, but which now needs to be involved. Their involvement extends not only to the immediate aftermath of a sudden death, but to the longer-term and more difficult issue - who will inherit his legacy? Chrissie and her girls, comfortably off in London, or Margaret, the deserted wife, living in the North East with Richie's son? *Due Feb*



### Roses An Epic Saga of Secrets, Power Struggles and Forbidden Passions

Leila MEACHAM  
624pp Tp \$32.99

East Texas, 1916. When precocious, 16-year-old Mary Toliver inherits the cotton plantation Somerset from her father, the first seeds of familial discontent are sown. By becoming the new mistress of Somerset, she betrays her mother Darla and brother Miles, and the Toliver dynasty will never recover. When Mary and timber magnate Percy Warwick decide not to marry, though fiercely in love, it will have sad and tragic consequences not only for them, but for generations of their families to come. *Due Feb*



### Counterpoint

Anna ENQUIST  
204pp Pb \$32.95

Johann Sebastian Bach's music forms the backdrop to this stunning short novel about motherhood and loss. Following the death of her daughter, a bereaved pianist immerses herself in Bach's Goldberg Variations. As the woman perfects the complex musical architecture of Bach's own study in grief, memories of her past unfold. A family - mother, father, son and daughter - appear during various stages of their lives together and the story builds to a crescendo of great emotional power. *Due Feb*



### Child of the Twilight

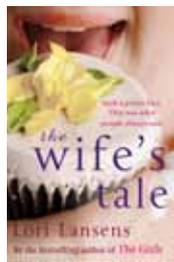
Carmel BIRD  
368pp Pb \$27.99

Sydney is 19. She was a longed-for IVF baby, "the product of an unknown egg and unknown sperm". Her mother Avila not only used the latest scientific techniques to conceive, but also prayed to the Bambinello, a small, jewelled statue of the infant Jesus housed in a church in Rome and said to have miraculous properties. Avila's distant relative, Father Roland Bruccoli, was conceived in a more conventional manner, but his mother also prayed to the Bambinello before his birth. When the adult Roland visits the church of Santa Maria one evening, the Bambinello is stolen. He looks for assistance to Father Cosimo, an archivist, poet and riddler who is said to speak in the ancient green language of the troubadours. Deftly weaving religion, science, pregnancies wanted and unwanted, love, loss and belief, this is a luminous novel that both questions and celebrates the miraculous. *Due Feb*

### The Long Song

Andrea LEVY 320pp Hb \$32.99

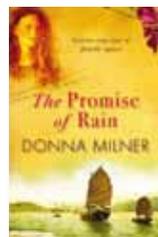
July is a slave girl who lives on a sugar plantation named Amity. She was there when the Baptist War raged in 1831, and she was also present when slavery was declared no more. The story tells also of her mama Kitty, the negroes who worked the plantation, and Caroline Mortimer, the white woman who owned the plantation. An engaging journey through a turbulent time. *Due Feb*



### The Wife's Tale

Lori LANSENS  
384pp Pb \$29.99

On the eve of her wedding anniversary, Mary Gooch is waiting for her husband to come home, listening for his car along the dark, icy road. As the night draws on and he fails to appear, Mary reflects on the true nature of their marriage: the secrets, the silences and the unmentionable, yet inescapable, fact that for each loss and disappointment, there has been a corresponding physical gain. The woman she once was is now imprisoned in mountainous flesh. This is the inspirational story of the journey Mary is finally forced to make across a continent, ostensibly in search of her husband, but eventually towards the self she has buried for too long. *Due Feb*



### The Promise of Rain

Donna MILNER  
352pp Tp \$32.95

Ethie Coulter was born after her father Howard returned from war in 1945. When Howard's wife dies he must look after 11-year-old Ethie and her two older brothers. Why, Ethie wonders, is he so silent and withdrawn? Howard was one of hundreds of Canadian soldiers sent to the Far East following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour. Surviving the fierce battle for Hong Kong, he became a POW, moving from camp to camp, watching his friends die of disease, starvation and worse. Yet he carries more than the physical and mental scars inflicted by his captors. Something happened in Hong Kong, something he has kept secret for 20 years. Ethie, inquisitive and fearless, works her way towards the truth and helps her father come to terms with the past. *Due Feb*



### Beautiful as Yesterday

Fan WU  
368pp Tp \$32.99

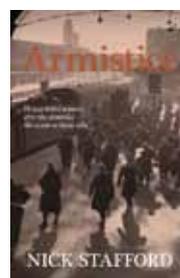
Mary Chang has settled neatly into suburban American life. She has a steady professional job, a young son, devoted Christian friends and a 10-year-old marriage. She worries about her lukewarm relationship with her American-born husband and the disconnect she feels with her mother and younger sister, but is content to deal with these mundane struggles. Having grown up during the tumultuous Cultural Revolution, she believes that China - and her family's own painful history - is in the past and should be left alone. By contrast, her younger sister Ingrid lives a Bohemian life, moving from coast to coast as the mood takes her. She eschews the trappings of typical adulthood and prefers the passionate Latin customs of her friends to her own native culture. For Ingrid - who was present at the Tiananmen Square massacre, when Mary was studying in the States - China and her family's past is an ever-present consideration that colours the way she views the world around her. When Mary convinces their mother to visit the US, the secrets and tensions that have lain dormant between the three women begin to emerge. *Due Feb*



### Going Bovine

Libba BRAY  
496pp Pb \$24.99

"The best day of my life happened when I was five and almost died at Disney World. I'm 16 now, so you can imagine that's left me with quite a few days of major suckage." Cam has just had some bad news: he's sick and is going to die. But then hope arrives in the form of Dulcie, a loopy punk angel with a bad sugar habit who promises him a cure if he is willing to search for it. With the help of Gonzo, a death-obsessed, video-gaming dwarf, and a garden gnome who might just be the Viking god Balder, Cam sets off on the mother of all road trips through a twisted America of smoothie-drinking happiness cults (and possible serial killers), parallel universe-hopping physicists, mythic New Orleans jazz musicians and hungry teens. "Unique, ambitious, tender, thought-provoking and often fall-off-the-chair funny." - *Publishers Weekly* *Due Feb*



### Armistice

Nick STAFFORD  
336pp Tp \$32.95

Philomena Bligh's fiancé Dan has been shot. WWI claimed many lives, so his death is not surprising, but Dan was shot in the minutes after the Armistice when the war was over. Set against a backdrop of London in a time of upheaval, grief and wanton escapism, this is an inspirational story about what it means to be a hero, and also a breathtaking love story. "There's a rare, urgent power to Stafford's depiction of the grief and desperation of the post-war world." - *The Guardian*

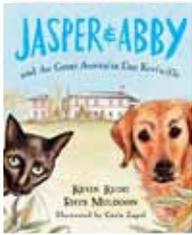
### Rare Bird of Truth

Neal DRINNAN 400pp Tp \$29.99

Viril Mann has broken through the genteel facade of English society to expose the ruthless machine beneath - oiled with sex, money and chemicals, it is no place for the fainthearted. If he holds his own in this new world, the rewards may be great, but if he fails, the consequences do not bear thinking about. *Due Feb*

# CHILDREN'S

REVIEWED BY LINDY JONES



## Jasper and Abby and the Great Australia Day Keruffle

Kevin RUDD  
& Rhys MULDOON  
24pp Hb \$24.99

Here is something a little different from PM

Rudd – a children's book, co-authored with former Playschool presenter and long-time friend Rhys Muldoon. Here are the adventures of Mr Rudd's two pets, Jasper the cat and Abby the dog, during Australia Day celebrations at Kirribilli House. Proceeds go to The Centre for Community Child Health.



## My Country

Dorothea MACKELLAR  
32pp Hb \$26.99

The most famous opening line of a second stanza ever is well known, and this is a beautifully rendered version of the entire poem. Illustrated by the award-winning Andrew McLean in soft colours and gentle lines, this will entrance young and old alike, and introduce a new generation to this classic expression of our sunburnt country.



## Heist Society

Ally CARTER  
240pp Pb \$16.99

Kat gets expelled from her exclusive boarding school, which wouldn't be so bad if she'd actually done something wrong, for Kat has turned over a new leaf and turned her back on tradition and the family business. It just so happens, she belongs to the most famous family of thieves ever known! But when her father finds himself accused by a very nasty mobster of stealing his priceless (and not exactly legally obtained) art collection, Kat only has a fortnight to track the paintings down and re-steal them to save her father's life. A fast-paced, cracking read; exciting, escapist stuff especially aimed at girls. Ages 12+

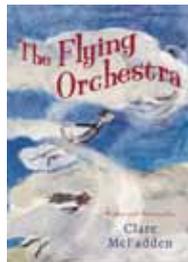


## The Crowded Shadows

Celine KIERNAN  
528pp Pb \$19.99

If you're one of the readers I persuaded to try **The Poison Throne** (\$19.99), then you're ready for this exciting sequel! Wynter Moorehawke has ventured alone into the wild lands in search of the rebel Prince

Alberon. All the fractious little princelings and warlords who surround the Kingdom are drawn to the prince, and Wynter finds herself playing to a different set of political rules, every bit as deadly serious as those of the court she left behind. Razi and Christopher also appear, to add to the confusions abounding, and increasingly Wynter distrusts Alberon's motives. A whirling adventure with more questions raised. Hurry on Part 3 of this great trilogy!

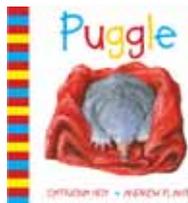


## The Flying Orchestra

Clare McFADDEN  
32pp Hb \$24.95

This truly beautiful and whimsical picture book will appeal to a wide range of people – apart from children! In soft and dreamy washes of colour, it tells of the unheard

music that surrounds us all and how on windy days the angels on the city hall blow into town with the Flying Orchestra. Celebratory, comforting and uplifting, without being twee or overly sentimental, I expect this to become a much-loved classic!



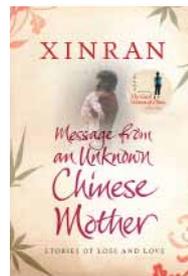
## Puggle

Catriona HOY  
32pp Hb \$24.95

Puggles are baby echidnas and this gorgeous book, illustrated in nice detail by Andrew Plant, tells of how a little puggle is rescued from his dead mother's

pouch and raised in a tall house on a hill with other orphaned native animals. Excellent information presented in palatable form, this will appeal to a wide range of readers. Ages 5+

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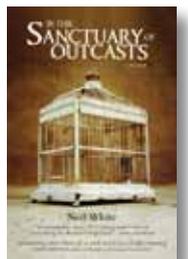


## Message from an Unknown Chinese Mother

Stories of Loss and Love  
XINRAN  
244pp Tp \$32.95

This extraordinarily powerful follow-up to the bestselling **The Good Women of China**

(\$24.95) includes heartbreaking and shocking stories – including Xinran's own experience – of Chinese mothers who have lost or had to abandon their daughters and are still searching... She once again takes us right into the lives of Chinese women – students, successful businesswomen, midwives, peasants – all with memories which have stained their lives. Whether as a consequence of the single-child policy, destructive age-old traditions or hideous economic necessity, some women had to give up their daughters for adoption, while others were forced to abandon them on city streets or outside hospitals and orphanages. Xinran could not previously bring herself to tell these stories as they were too painful and close to home. *Due Feb*

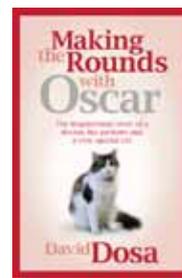


## In the Sanctuary of Outcasts

Neil WHITE  
304pp Pb \$24.95

Neil White once lived by appearances – he owned expensive cars and a big house and worked at glossy magazines. When his bank balance couldn't keep up

with his lifestyle, he started kiting – illegally depositing and drawing cheques between his two accounts. He got caught and was sent to prison. The experience transformed him completely: the man who lived to impress became a man who could look beyond the surface of things to tap into the deeper, more important issues that run our lives. *Due Feb*

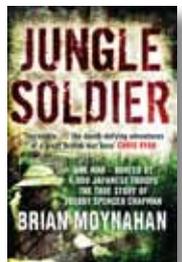


## Making the Rounds with Oscar

The Inspirational Story of a Doctor, His Patients and a Very Special Cat

David DOSA  
256pp Tp \$29.99

In the summer of 2007, Oscar the cat made headlines around the world. Why? Because he knows when the patients in the Rhode Island hospice where he lives are going to die. Oscar curls up on their beds, keeps them company and enables the families to be with their loved ones at the end. Dr Dosa's job is to respond to people's medical needs and communicate with their families. Oscar takes care of the rest. He is a steady companion and, because of him, patients don't die alone. Can a cat really predict death? Is he smelling something or responding to behavioural clues? Is he helping to guide souls to heaven? This warm and profound story is heartfelt, sometimes even funny, but always inspiring. *Due Feb*



## Jungle Soldier

The True Story of Freddy Spencer Chapman

Brian MOYNAHAN  
256pp Tp \$34.95

Brought up in a rural vicarage, Chapman acquired a deep love of nature and a craving for the thrill of danger. 30 years

later, as a guerrilla soldier of exceptional ability and courage, the orphan boy would prove to be one of the British army's deadliest agents. In 1941, he was dispatched to Singapore to train British guerrillas for the coming war with Japan. Relentlessly hunted by the Japanese army, he was afflicted by typhus, scabies, pneumonia, blackwater fever, cerebral malaria, dengue fever and ulcers before finally being rescued and evacuated to Ceylon in 1945.



## My Name is Ross

An Alcoholic's Journey

Ross FITZGERALD  
240pp Pb \$34.95

"I turn 65 on Christmas Day 2009. If I survive, I'll be 40 years sober. This means that I have had 40 more years on this planet than I otherwise would have had if I hadn't stopped drinking alcohol." From his first drink at the age of 14, Fitzgerald has struggled with alcoholism. His story is one of despair, courage and hope – and living to see another day. Insightful, brutally honest and inspiring, this is his account of life as an alcoholic and his battle to get sober and stay sober. "A compelling and courageous exposure of an alcoholic's journey to personal destruction and beyond." – *Quentin Dempster*

## So Greek

Niki SAVVA

304pp Tp \$35.00

Most books on politics are written by outsiders. Even when written by politicians, much of the intrigue and detail seems to be missing. This is one of the few books on politics and political journalism written by an insider with decades of experience in federal politics. It is often hilarious, occasionally sad, sometimes infuriating, but endlessly fascinating and illuminating as it takes us on a life journey: from one country to another, from one culture to another, from one career to another, from one philosophy to another. *Due Feb*



## Our Father Who Wasn't There

David CARLIN  
256pp Tp \$32.95

When Carlin was six months old, his father Brian died. It was the 1960s in isolated Western Australia, a place in which emotions were discreetly veiled, women did not attend funerals

- and suicide was a sin. Brian became a mysteriously absent figure in David's family story, hardly spoken of again. As an adult, David years to conjure up his father to uncover what led to his death by his own hand. He gradually pieces together Brian's story from the memories of friends and relatives, and from the voices and incidents that emerge from his medical records. Brian's story starts to fill out, from the hessian-walled house of his childhood during the Depression to the outposts of heady undergraduate bohemia in late 1940s Perth to his happily married life with a brilliant and loving wife, and an equally brilliant career. But there also rises a darkness - a damaging undertow of electric-shock therapy, insulin comas and whispered wartime events. *Due Feb*

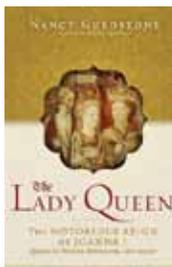


## My Life in France

Julia CHILD  
336pp Pb \$24.99

When Julia Child arrived in Paris in 1948, a six-foot-two-inch, 36-year-old, rather loud and unserious Californian, she spoke barely a few words of French and didn't know the first thing about cooking. "What's a shallot?" she asked her husband

Paul as they waited for their sole meuniere during their first lunch in France, which she was to describe later as "the most exciting meal of my life". As she fell in love with French culture, buying food at local markets, sampling the local bistros and taking classes at the Cordon Bleu, her life changed. We follow her extraordinary transformation from kitchen ingénue to internationally renowned and much-loved expert in French cuisine. *Due Feb*



## The Lady Queen The Notorious Reign of Joanna I, Queen of Naples, Jerusalem and Sicily

Nancy GOLDSTONE  
384pp Hb \$45.00

15 March 1348. Joanna I, Queen of Naples, stood trial for her life before the Pope

and his court in Avignon. She was 22 years old. Her cousin and husband, Prince Andrew of Hungary, had been murdered and she was the chief suspect. Determined to defend herself, she won her acquittal against enormous odds. Returning to Naples, she ruled over one of Europe's most prestigious courts for more than 30 years - until she was murdered. As courageous as Eleanor of Aquitaine, as astute and determined as Elizabeth I, she was the only female monarch in her time to rule in her own name. Dedicated to the welfare of her subjects, she reduced crime, built hospitals, and encouraged the licensing of women physicians. While important artists and writers found patronage at her glittering court, the turmoil of her times swirled around her: war, plague and the treachery that would ultimately bring her down. *Due Feb*

## HISTORY

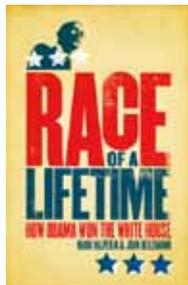


## Wings of Ice

### The Mystery of the Polar Air Race

Jeff MAYNARD  
304pp Tp \$34.95

With the rise of aviation at the beginning of the 20th century, the Arctic and Antarctic wildernesses suddenly became accessible. Hoping to resurrect his fading career, the legendary Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen was desperate to fly to the North Pole. American naval commander Richard Byrd was determined to beat Amundsen to the prize. An Australian adventurer, George Hubert Wilkins, also joined the competition, initiating a rivalry with Byrd that would last years and take them to the ends of the Earth. The world watched in fascination as the race to the North Pole escalated. This thrillingly written narrative restores Wilkins to his rightful place as a pioneer of scientific exploration. *Due Feb*



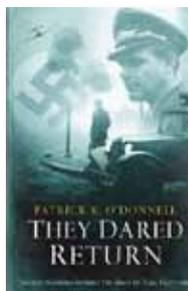
## Race of a Lifetime

### How Obama Won the White House

Mark HALPERIN & John HEILEMANN  
320pp Tp \$32.95

Forget everything you think you know about the making of the most powerful man on the planet. Barack

Obama's triumph was not inevitable: it was the end-product of a brilliant, calculated, convention-defying political campaign. Obama faced down his rivals with ruthless focus and efficiency. This is the gripping inside story of those thrilling months: from Obama's meteoric rise and the collapsing House of Clinton to the erratic John McCain and the bewildering Sarah Palin. Brimming with exclusive revelations, this compulsively readable book lays bare the characters of the candidates and exposes the inner workings of their operations. *Due Feb*



## They Dared Return

### Secret Missions Behind the Lines in Nazi Germany

Patrick O'DONNELL  
272pp Tp \$35.00

July 1943. Frederick Mayer, a German-born Jew, is recruited to the secret operations unit, the OSS.

Along with four other German-Jews, he volunteers for behind-enemy-lines operations. All have family members in concentration camps. All want revenge. Mayer and his comrades are dropped into the Alpine Redoubt area of Austria, where Hitler plans to gather his SS units and make a desperate last stand. Capture means certain death, yet under Hitler's nose, this tiny army blows up trains, steals secrets and impersonates German officers. Mayer is captured and tortured by the Gestapo, but persuades his tormentor, the commander of German forces in Innsbruck, to surrender his forces to him, convincing the officer that it is better to surrender early than risk being shot defending a lost cause. A great story of daring and revenge, never before told. *Due Feb*



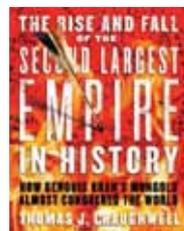
## British Intelligence

### Secrets, Spies and Sources

Stephen Robert TWIGGE (et al) 316pp Pb \$35.00

While other books have speculated on the history and nature of the British intelligence services, this is the first to tell the story

through the documents themselves. Only 10 years ago, access to these original sources was impossible. Now the authors draw on the spies' and spymasters' own words as contained in the National Archives' intelligence holdings. Historical narrative is interwoven with colourful tales that highlight some of the greatest successes - and failures - along the way, as well as the motives and machinations of those responsible. Readers eager to discover more from the sources themselves are given all the guidance needed.

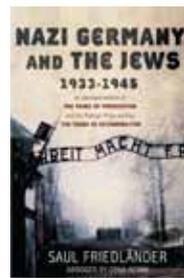


## The Rise and Fall of the Second Largest Empire in History

### How Genghis Khan's Mongols Almost Conquered the World

Thomas CRAUGHWELL  
272pp Pb \$34.99

The Mongol Empire was the second largest in history, covering almost a quarter of the world's land mass, from the eastern coast of Russia to Central Europe, encompassing present-day Poland, Austria, Germany, France, Italy and the shores of the Mediterranean, and controlling over 100 million people. What made this small, nomadic tribe become one of history's greatest empires? And why did it suddenly retreat on itself? The author explores how the Mongol's warrior culture influenced tribes and communities left after their retreat; Celts, Goths, Huns and even the Northern Berserker warriors have taken their mythology and tactics from these hardy horsemen. *Due Feb*



## Nazi Germany and the Jews

1933-1945

Saul FRIEDLANDER  
512pp Tp \$29.99

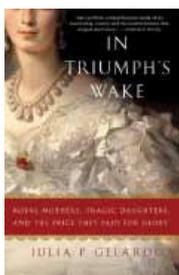
An abridged edition of Friedlander's definitive 2-volume history of the Holocaust, one that never loses sight of the experiences of individuals in its discussion

of Nazi politics, the terrible statistics and the technological and administrative sophistication of the Final Solution. Part One deals with the National Socialist campaign of oppression, restores the voices of Jews engulfed in an increasingly horrifying reality following the Nazi accession to power and provides accounts from both the persecutors and ordinary German citizens. Part Two covers the German extermination policies that resulted in the murder of six million European Jews.

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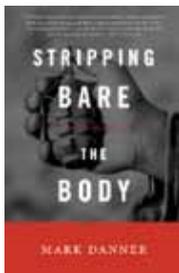


## In Triumph's Wake

Julia GELARDI  
432pp Tp \$32.99

Queen Isabella of Castile, Empress Maria Theresa of Austria and Queen Victoria of England were respected and admired rulers whose legacies continue to be felt today. Their daughters

– Catherine of Aragon, Queen of England; Marie Antoinette, Queen of France; and Vicky, the Empress Frederick of Germany – are equally legendary for the tragedies that befell them, their roles in history surpassed by their triumphant mothers. Isabella of Castile forged a united Spain and presided over the discovery of the New World; Maria Theresa defeated her male rivals to claim the Imperial Crown; and Victoria presided over the British Empire. But because of their ambition and political machinations, each mother pushed her daughter toward a marital alliance that resulted in disaster. This exhaustively researched and utterly compelling book brings together the stories of three unusually strong women and the devastating consequences their decisions had on the lives of their equally extraordinary daughters. *Due Feb*



## Stripping Bare the Body

Politics, Violence, War

Mark DANNER  
656pp Tp \$39.95

This is a close-hand demonstration of how terrorism works, and of what war looks, smells and feels like. As a

newly installed Haitian president told Mark Danner in riot-torn Port-au-Prince, "Violence strips bare a society's body, the better to place the stethoscope and track the life beneath the skin." This stark truth came to haunt Danner, especially after the president was overthrown in a bloody coup d'état. The author moves from mass murder on election day in Port-au-Prince, to massacre by mortar bomb on the streets of Sarajevo, to suicide bombings in the suburbs of Baghdad, to torture in the secret 'black site' prisons of Thailand and Afghanistan, to political deal-making, personal rivalries and bureaucratic in-fighting in Washington, New York and Langley. *Due Feb*



## Lenin's Brother

The Origins of the October Revolution

Philip POMPER  
304pp Hb \$32.95

In 1886, Alexander Ulyanov – a brilliant biology student – joined a small group of students at St Petersburg University to plot the assassination of Russia's tsar. Known as 'Second First

March' for the date of their action, this group failed disastrously in their mission and its leaders, including Alexander, were executed. History has largely forgotten Alexander, save for the most important consequence of his execution: his younger brother Vladimir went on to lead the October Revolution of 1917 and head the new Soviet government under his revolutionary pseudonym, 'Lenin'. Delving into the Ulyanov family archives, the author uncovers Alexander's transformation from ascetic student to terrorist and the impact his fate had on Lenin. Vividly portraying the psychological dynamics of a family that would change history, this is a perspective-changing glimpse into Lenin's formative years. *Due Feb*

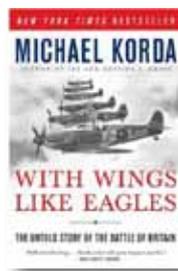


## Forgotten Voices of the Somme

Joshua LEVINE  
304pp Pb \$24.95

The Somme, 1916. With over one million casualties, it was the most brutal battle of WWI. It remains seared into the British and German national consciousness, conjuring images of muddy

trenches and young lives tragically wasted. Its first day, 1 July 1916 – when the British suffered 57,470 casualties, including 19,240 dead – was the bloodiest day in the history of the British armed forces. On the German side, an officer famously described it as "the muddy grave of the German field army". By the end of the battle, the British had learned many lessons in modern warfare, while the Germans had suffered losses that ultimately laid the foundations for the Allies' victory on the Western Front.



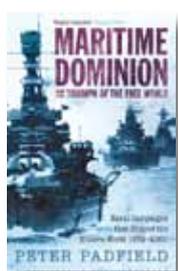
## With Wings Like Eagles

The Untold Story of the Battle of Britain

Michael KORDA  
352pp Pb \$29.95

In the summer of 1940, fewer than 3,000 young fighter pilots of the Royal Air Force stood between Hitler and the

victory that seemed almost within his grasp. In this superb history of three epic months that saved the world, the author recreates the intensity of combat in "the long, delirious, burning blue" of the sky above southern England. He traces the entire complex web of political, diplomatic, scientific, industrial and human decisions during the 1930s which inexorably led to the world's most decisive air battle, bringing to vivid life the extraordinary men and women on both sides of the conflict, from Winston Churchill, Neville Chamberlain and Reichsmarschall Hermann Göring to the ground crews, German pilots, American volunteers and the courageous airmen and airwomen of the RAF.



## Maritime Dominion and the Triumph of the Free World

Naval Campaigns that Shaped the Modern World 1852-2001

Peter PADFIELD  
384pp Pb \$32.99

Freedom of expression

and individual enterprise flowing from merchant imperatives have distinguished the societies of powers dominant at sea. Since supreme maritime nations have prevailed over their territorial rivals in the great wars of the modern era, it is they who have created today's world. In the final volume of his masterful maritime series, Padfield carries the theme through the terrible wars of the last century to the present day, reaching controversial and unpalatable conclusions. *Due Feb*

## Strange Maps

An Atlas of Cartographic Curiosities

Frank JACOBS 256pp Pb \$45.00

Spanning many centuries, all continents and the realms of outer space and the imagination, this collection of 138 unique graphics combines beautiful, full-colour illustrations with quirky statistics and smart social commentary. The result is a distinctive, illustrated guide to the world. Categories of cartographic curiosities include literary creations, featuring a map of Thomas More's Utopia and the world of George Orwell's **1984**; cartographic misconceptions, such as a lavish 17th century map depicting California as an island; political parody, containing the 'Jesusland map' and other humorous takes on voter profiles; obscure proposals, capturing Thomas Jefferson's vision for dividing the Northwest Territory into 10 states with names such as Polypotamia and Assensisipia; and fantastic maps, with a depiction of what the globe might look like if the sea and land were inverted. Brimming with trivia, deadpan humour and idiosyncratic lore, this is a fascinating tour of all things weird and wonderful in the world of cartography! *Due Feb*



## Assassination

A History of Political Murder

Lindsay PORTER  
192pp Hb \$55.00

Assassination – the politically-motivated killing of high-profile individuals – has always been part of man's struggle for power.

From the removal of tyrants in Classical civilisations to the state-sanctioned decapitation strikes of the present day, assassination has proved to be chillingly effective as a political tool, as well as being immensely compelling as an idea. From Caesar and Thomas Becket, to Archduke Franz Ferdinand and beyond, this striking book focuses on the most famous (and infamous) examples of assassination through history and uses them to explore its various meanings, myths and cults. Fully illustrated with paintings, drawings, photographs and archival documents, it demonstrates how the violent deaths of leaders and statesmen have played out in the popular and artistic imagination.



## The Secret Agent's Pocket Manual

1939-1945  
Stephen BULL  
160pp Hb \$24.99

Most wars have had some element of espionage and subterfuge, but few included as much as WWII, where the

all-embracing nature of the conflict, new technology and the battle of ideologies conspired to make almost everywhere a war zone. Concealment of oneself, one's weapons and equipment was vital. New methods and hardware were constantly evolving in a bid to stay ahead of the Gestapo and security services. Silent killing, disguise, covert communications and the art of guerrilla warfare were dramatically advanced as the war progressed. With the expansion of special forces units operating behind enemy lines, clandestine warfare became a permanent part of the modern military and political scene. Perhaps surprisingly, many of these hitherto secret techniques and pieces of equipment were put into print at the time and many examples are now becoming available. This manual brings together a selection of these dark arts and extraordinary objects and techniques in their original form, creating an authentic picture of the Allied spy.



## "If You Leave Us Here, We Will Die"

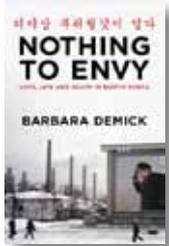
### How Genocide was Stopped in East Timor

Geoffrey ROBINSON

320pp Hb \$54.95

East Timor is a half-island that suffered genocide after Indonesia invaded in 1975, and

which was again laid to waste after the population voted for independence from Indonesia in 1999. Before international forces intervened, more than half the population had been displaced and 1,500 people were killed. Robinson – an expert in Southeast Asian history – provides a first-person account of the violence in East Timor in 1999, as well as a rigorous assessment of the politics and history behind it. Debunking claims that the militias committing the violence in East Timor acted spontaneously, he attributes their actions instead to the calculation of Indonesian leaders and to a culture of terror within the Indonesian army. He argues that major powers – notably the US, Australia and the UK – were complicit in the genocide of the late 1970s and the violence of 1999. At the same time, armed intervention supported by those same powers in late 1999 was vital in averting a second genocide.



## Nothing to Envy

### Love, Life and Death in Korea

Barbara DEMICK

336pp Tp \$35.00

What if everything around you was black and white except for the red letters on propaganda signs? Where spies like Orwell's

Thought Police studied your facial expressions during political rallies to make sure you were sincere? In fact, there is such a place: North Korea. Ruled by a dictator, it's a mysterious, sinister country, but it's also a place where 22 million people live, work and dream of a different life. Journalist Barbara Demick spent a decade covering North Korea's strange politics and regulations. Then one day she met a young woman defector, Mi-ran, who told her about growing up there; about the cinema she used to go to when the country still had electricity and about the teenage romance which blossomed there. Through Mi-ran's story, we glimpse a more human side of North Korea, retracing the life of Mi-ran and five other North Koreans into the heart of an elusive society.

## A Lethal Obsession

### Anti-Semitism from Antiquity to the Global Jihad

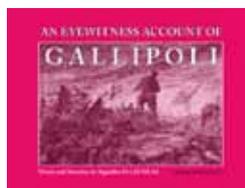
Robert WISTRICH

1,185pp Hb \$75.00

The author examines the long and ugly history of anti-Semitism, from the first recorded pogrom in 38 BCE to the present day. Here are the fascinating and long-forgotten roots of the 'Jewish difference'. Moving through centuries of war and dissidence, we witness the creation of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion – the anti-Semitic tract commissioned by Russia's tsarist secret police at the end of the 19th century – and the prediction by the Austrian founder of political Zionism, Theodor Herzl, of disaster for European Jews, which was realised in the horrifying ascent of Hitler's Third Reich. Yet the end of WWII failed to neutralise the 'Judeophobic virus'. Here is our own world, one in which jihadi terrorists and the radical left blame Israel for all global ills. The author warns of a possible nuclear Final Solution at the hands of Iran, a land in which a formerly prosperous Jewish community has declined in both fortunes and freedoms. Dazzling in scope, this is a riveting investigation into this unsettling subject.



## AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

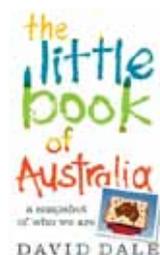


## An Eyewitness Account of Gallipoli

Ellis SILAS, John LAFFIN (editor)

90pp Hb \$24.95

Signaller Ellis Silas of the 16th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force, was the only artist to paint and sketch actual battle scenes showing Australian soldiers in action at Gallipoli. With his mates, he went ashore at Anzac Cove in April 1915 and for the next month witnessed the terrible carnage at Gallipoli while performing his duties as signaller in the thick of the fighting, until he was wounded and taken by hospital ship to Egypt. His words and sketches give us a brilliant and moving eyewitness picture of what it was really like at Gallipoli in 1915. *Due Feb*



## The Little Book of Australia

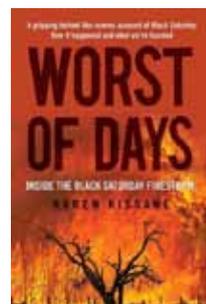
### A Snapshot of Who We Are

David DALE

180pp Pb \$24.95

This comprehensive guide is packed with fascinating and humorous facts and figures, political quotes, cultural icons,

literature and language, sport, flora and fauna, key dates and events. We are what we eat, watch, buy, read, love, and play... It's been a long step in a short time from meat pies, football, kangaroos and Holden cars to iPods, lattes, climate change and MasterChef. The author chronicles how it happened in this definitive reference about our carefree country. Instead of boasting about what makes Australia great, we are told what makes us unique, for better or worse. Common and uncommon knowledge about the myths, attitudes, jokes and journeys that make us Aussies, this is a treasure trove for any visitor - and for all 22,140,000 of us!



## Worst of Days

### Inside the Black Saturday Firestorm

Karen KISSANE

316pp Tp \$35.00

This introduces readers to the ferocious, insatiable beast that was the Black Saturday inferno and to the people who found themselves in its path, fighting and fleeing the

flames. It is a powerful journey into the human psyche, showing the very best and worst of what we do under threat: one man who's just heard his family has been killed goes on to save the lives of others, while another man refuses to cover the face of someone who has died because "it's not my job, mate." A gripping, behind-the-scenes tale of officials and their bumbles, towns and their heroes, survivors, saviours and lost souls. *Due Feb*



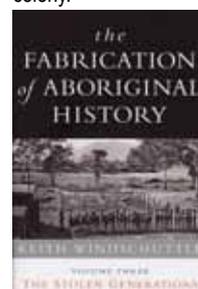
## Arthur Phillip Australia's First Governor

Derek PARKER

300pp Hb \$44.95

It has been over 200 years since his appointment, yet commentators today are just as surprised at the choice of Arthur Phillip as Governor as

some were at the time. But what did the Home Office and Admiralty expect of a man whose job was to navigate a fleet to the antipodes and unload its cargo of criminals, forging them into a working colony? Apart from the necessary seamanship, they needed a man with a cool head who could control people; a man with complete loyalty to the Crown and Government; and the determination to plan and carry through an enterprise unlike any other in living memory. Fortunately, there were one or two men at the Admiralty who understood that Arthur Phillip possessed all these credentials. This new biography covers his whole life, but particularly his selection for the role of Governor and the establishment of the new colony.



## The Fabrication of Aboriginal History

### Volume Three: The Stolen Generations 1881-2008

Keith WINDSCHUTTLE

472pp Hb \$59.95

The third volume in a series

(**Vol 1: Van Diemens Land 1803-1847 Hb**

\$49.95, **Vol 2** not yet available) which re-examines what has become the widely-accepted story about relations between settlers and Aborigines in Australian history. This series is based on a close reinterpretation of the primary sources used by historians. Windschuttle contends that the case of many other historians is poorly-founded, while other parts are seriously mistaken – and some of it is outright fabrication. He challenges accounts that in the 20th century up to one in three Aboriginal children were 'forcibly removed' from their parents in order to put an end to Aboriginality, asserting that in reality the small numbers of Aboriginal child removals were almost all based on the same child welfare policies that applied to white children. In other words, there were no Stolen Generations. A controversial historical recount which has been central to much debate.

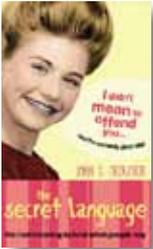
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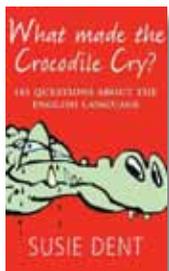
## WORDS



### **The Secret Language The Real Meaning Behind What People Say**

John CROUCHER  
176pp Pb \$19.99

Have you ever wondered what the ads in the real estate section really mean when they describe a property as having "period detailing" or "uninterrupted views" or "huge potential"? Or what is really going on in your partner's head when they say "We need to talk" or "Do whatever you want"? And what about when your boss encourages you to "think outside the square" or tells you they "value your input"? Clichés are so much a part of our everyday communications that we rarely stop to think about the meaning behind the tumble of words. Croucher grabs these expressions by the throat, shakes them about a bit and squeezes out the truth. With chapters on Real Estate, Motor Vehicles, Law & Order, Business, Retail, Medicine and Relationships, this is the perfect book for dipping into when you're looking for the truth - or a good chuckle!



### **What Made the Crocodile Cry? 101 Questions About the English Language**

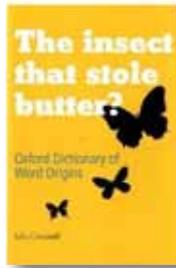
Susie DENT  
176pp Pb \$28.95

Where does the word 'snob' come from? And what is the linguistic connection between lobsters and locusts? In this book, Dent draws on her popular TV segment on the curiosities of English to tackle these and many other fascinating puzzles. She ranges far and wide in her search for the oddities of language. Readers learn, for instance, that the word 'bankrupt' comes from the Italian 'banca rotta' or 'broken bench', and the word 'broke' has the same origin. She further explains that in the 16th century, money-lenders conducted their business on benches outdoors and the usual Italian word for 'bench' was 'banca', hence today's 'bank'. Written with charm and erudition, this is a wonderfully entertaining exploration of language, answering 101 of the most intriguing questions about the English language from word origins and spelling to grammar and usage.

### **The Lexicographer's Dilemma The Evolution of 'Proper' English, from Shakespeare to South Park**

Jack LYNCH 336pp Hb \$39.99

In its long history, the English language has had many lawmakers who have tried to regulate or organise the way we speak. This book offers the first narrative history of these endeavours, showing what we now regard as the 'correct' way to speak emerged out of specific historical and social conditions over the course of centuries. It explores how every 'rule' has a human history and the characters peopling the narrative are as interesting for their obsession as their erudition. The struggle between prescriptivists, who prescribe a correct approach, and descriptivists, who analyse how language works, is at the heart of this book. From the sharp-tongued satirist Jonathan Swift, to Joseph Priestley whose political radicalism prompted riots, Lynch brings to life a varied cast. *Due Feb*

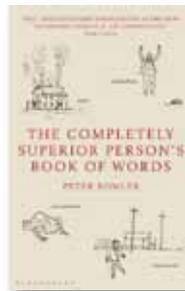


### **The Insect that Stole Butter? Oxford Dictionary of Word Origins**

Julia CRESSWELL (editor)  
512pp Hb \$34.95

Combining accessibility and authority, this describes the origins and development of over 3,000 words and phrases.

Drawing on Oxford's unrivalled dictionary research programme and language monitoring, it relates the fascinating stories behind many of our most curious terms and expressions, offering a much more explicit account than can be found in a general dictionary. Organised A-Z, entries include first-known use, along with examples that illustrate the many faces of the word or phrase, from 'handsome' to 'bachelor', and 'cute' to 'baby'. Includes special panels covering expressions common in English, but drawn from other languages, such as coffee, sugar and candy (Arabic) and booze, brandy and gin (Dutch).

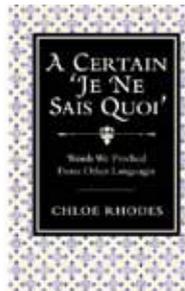


### **The Completely Superior Person's Book of Words**

Peter BOWLER  
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"Words are not only tools; they are also weapons." Bowler's charming, witty guides introduce weird and wonderful words. The three

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### **A Certain 'Je Ne Sais Quoi'**

#### **Words We Pinched from Other Languages**

Chloe RHODES  
176pp Hb \$24.95

English as we know it is enriched with many borrowings and influences from other languages. Aficionado, chutzpah,

pro bono, hoi polloi, ketchup, nous, zeitgeist - we use these foreign words every day without thinking of their origins, but what do they actually mean? And just how and why did we English speakers absorb such 'exotic' imports? Each phrase has a fascinating history; colonialism, foreign trade, invasion and immigration all have their role to play. 'Lingua franca' is Italian for 'Frankish language', a name given to a mixed common language used by diplomats of different nationalities in medieval times. The seemingly modern 'bandana' comes from the Sanskrit for the ancient Indian technique of tie-dyeing fabric. Not to be confused with Charles Timoney's **A Certain Je Ne Sais Quoi: The Ideal Guide to Sounding, Acting and Shrugging Like the French** (Tp \$22.95) from our 2009 Christmas Catalogue, this attractively-presented volume is an accessible and entertaining treasury of information that 'connoisseurs' of the English language will love!



## SCIENCE

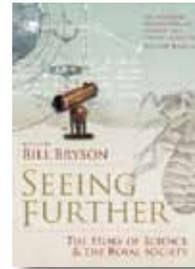


### **The Big Picture Reflections on Science, Humanity and a Quickly Changing Planet**

David SUZUKI & Dave  
Robert TAYLOR  
288pp Tp \$29.99

Whether discussing how to reconcile economy with ecology, or why a warmer world will result in more poison ivy, or why Britney Spears gets more hits on Google than the subject of 'global-warming', or why we might need to start eating jellyfish for supper, the authors point the direction we must take as a society if we hope to meet our environmental challenges.

Under the microscope is suburban sprawl, sustainable transportation, food shortages, biodiversity, technology and public policy, including solid, science-based solutions. These engaging essays tell the story of a species struggling to come to grips with its own biological nature. *Due Feb*



### **Seeing Further The Story of Science and the Royal Society**

Bill BRYSON (editor)  
496pp Hb \$49.99

Since its inception in 1660, the Royal Society has pioneered scientific discovery and exploration.

The oldest scientific academy in existence, its backbone is its Fellowship of the most eminent scientists in history including Charles Darwin, Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein. Today its fellows are the most influential men and women in science, many of whom have contributed to this ground-breaking volume. Published to mark its 350th anniversary and with unrestricted access to its archives and photographs, this highly-illustrated book celebrates the Society's huge contribution to the development of modern science. It demonstrates how the history of scientific endeavour is a continuous thread inextricably linked to the history of the world and society itself. *Due Feb*

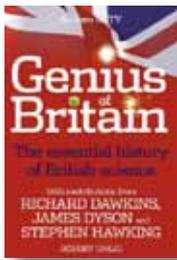


### **A Future in Flames**

Danielle CLODE  
250pp Pb \$34.99

No other continent on earth is as prone to bushfires, over such a large area, as Australia. Fires are a constant and ongoing part of our history, ecology and culture. Yet despite repeated disasters across all states over the

last 200 years, we seem to be no better at surviving bushfires than when fires burnt through the first European settlements. What is it about Australia that makes it so prone to fires? Have humans made the situation better or worse? Is it possible to live in the Australian bush and be safe from fire? *Due Feb*



**Genius of Britain**  
**The Essential History of British Science**  
 Robert UHLIG  
 352pp Hb \$49.99

Britain's great inventors and scientists have taken mankind to places and worlds we only dreamed possible. The steam engine, evolution,

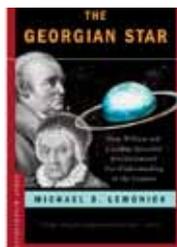
the atom and the worldwide web – British science has quite literally created the modern world. This essential book presents a compelling overview of those achievements and the fascinating stories of the people involved. These are stories of obsession, of those who pushed boundaries, injected themselves with syphilis, drank poison and blew themselves up – all in the name of discovery. In every story, there is a moment of truth when all becomes clear and the crazy, courageous and sometimes unethical experiments turn out to be worthwhile: from Hooke's telescope, which allowed us to see deeper into the human body, or the Beagle 2, which was destined for Mars, to the genius of an engine run on water or the sublime beauty of gravity. This accompanies the landmark Channel 4 series broadcast in the UK in October 2009, presented by Stephen Hawking, Richard Dawkins and James Dyson. *Due Feb*

**The Big Questions**

**Physics**

Michael BROOKS 192pp Hb \$29.95

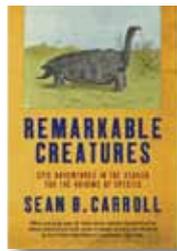
This series is designed to let renowned experts address the 20 most fundamental and frequently asked questions of a major branch of science or philosophy. Each 3,000-word essay concisely examines a question that has eternally perplexed enquiring minds, providing answers from history's great thinkers, a unique distillation of humanity's best ideas. This latest instalment focuses on the ever-fascinating subject of physics, covering the purpose of physics, chaos theory, the God Particle and time travel. *Due Feb*



**The Georgian Star**  
**How William and Caroline Herschel Revolutionized Our Understanding of the Cosmos**  
 Michael LEMONICK

208pp Pb \$19.95

Trained as a musician, amateur scientist William Herschel found international fame after discovering the planet Uranus in 1781. Although still best known for this finding, his partnership with sister Caroline yielded other groundbreaking work that affects how we see the world today. The Herschels made comprehensive surveys of the night sky, carefully categorising every visible object in the void. Caroline wrote an influential catalogue of nebulae and William discovered infrared radiation. Veteran science writer Michael Lemonick provides an illustrated guide through the depths of the solar system and into his subjects' private lives: William developed bizarre theories about inhabitants of the sun and procured an unheard-of salary for Caroline from King George III, even as he hassled over the funding for an enormous, 40-foot telescope; and the siblings feuded over William's marriage, but eventually reconciled.

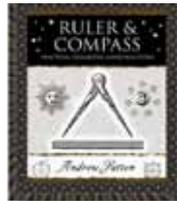


**Remarkable Creatures**  
**Epic Adventures in the Search for the Origin of the Species**  
 Sean CARROLL

288pp Pb \$24.95

In 1809, when Darwin was born, much of the world was an unexplored wilderness.

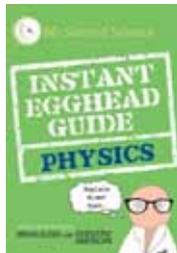
Our knowledge of the past was nonexistent and our picture of our species' history little more than a set of fantastic myths and fairy tales. This book tells the stories of the most dramatic adventures and important discoveries in 200 years of natural history, from Alexander von Humboldt's epic journeys in South America, to the hi-tech genome-reading projects making today's headlines – and how they gave birth to, and have nourished, the evolution revolution.



**Ruler and Compass**  
**Practical Geometric Solutions**  
 Andrew SUTTON

64pp Hb \$17.99

An introduction to geometry without measurements. Since earliest times, mankind has employed the simple geometric forms of straight line and circle in art, architecture and mathematics. Originally marked out by the eye and later using a stretched cord, in time these came to be made with the simple tools of ruler and compass. This valuable reference introduces the origins and principles of geometry using these basic tools and shows some of the geometric constructions used by artists, architects and mathematicians of old. *Due Feb*

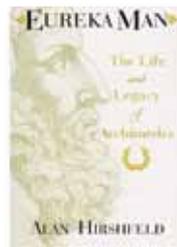


**Instant Egghead Guide**  
**Physics**  
 Brian CLEGG

240pp Pb \$24.99

*Scientific American's* daily '60-Second Science' podcast was such an unexpected success – with over 32 million downloads – that a spin-off

site was created around the concept of bite-sized science. This new series of books tackles the biggest topics in science by breaking them into quick and easy two-to four-page spreads. The topic presented in each book assumes the light and accessible tone of the '60-Second Science' podcasts and blog. This latest instalment focuses on the subject of physics, breaking down complex ideas and providing other fascinating information, such as why Einstein made some big blunders, how the iPod came to be, and what it would take to make teleportation possible. *Due Feb*



**Eureka Man**  
**The Life and Legacy of Archimedes**  
 Alan HIRSHFELD

256pp Hb \$45.00

Many of us know little about Archimedes other than his "Eureka!" exclamation upon discovering he could

immerse an object in a full tub of water and measure the spillage to determine the object's volume. He also had a profound impact on the development of mathematics and science, from square roots to the stability of ships, number systems to levers, the value of pi to the size of the universe. Yet this same cerebral man developed machines of war that held

at bay the greatest army of antiquity. His reputation swelled to mythic proportions in the ancient world for his feats of engineering: the hand-cranked irrigation device commonly known as 'Archimedes' screw', as well as his ingenious use of levers, pulleys and ropes to launch, single-handedly, a fully laden ship. His rediscovered treatises guided nascent thinkers out of the Dark Ages and into the Renaissance. This volume resurrects the genius of Archimedes, offering succinct and understandable explanations for some of his amazing discoveries and innovations.



**From Eternity to Here**  
**The Quest for the Ultimate Theory of Time**  
 Sean CARROLL

448pp Hb \$49.95

Time moves forward, not

backward – everyone knows you can't unscramble an egg. The simple fact of breakfast becomes a doorway to understanding the Big Bang, the universe and other universes too. Carroll argues that the arrow of time, pointing resolutely from the past to the future, owes its existence to conditions 'before' the Big Bang – a period of modern cosmology of which Einstein never dreamed! Yet physicists are increasingly going into realms that make the theory of relativity seem like child's play. Carroll suggests we live in a baby universe, part of a large family of universes in which many of our siblings experience an arrow of time running in the opposite direction. This volume incorporates ideas at the cutting edge of theoretical physics. An ambitious, fascinating picture of the universe on an ultra-large scale!



**PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION**



**This Book Has Feelings**  
**Adventures in the Philosophy and Psychology of Your Mind**  
 Dr Neil SCOTT & Dr Sandi MANN

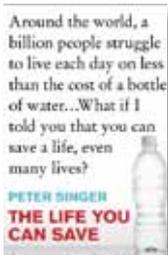
160pp Pb \$19.99

The way we feel is governed by two separate and often conflicting dispositions: instinct and emotion. Instincts are inherent and unlearned; they provide us with deeply ingrained patterns of response to different kinds of stimuli. Emotions are subjective and personal; they govern our thoughts and behaviour and are inextricably linked to our perception of personality, mood and temperament. Using a blend of psychology and philosophy, this book looks at these unique facets of the human psyche. It reveals the fascinating things they tell us about ourselves and profiles the amazing minds that have unlocked the secrets of our consciousness.

**A Little History of Dragons**  
**The Essential Guide to Fire-Breathing Winged Serpents**  
 Joyce HARGREAVES

64pp Hb \$17.99

Why are dragons recognised in many cultures on Earth? What is the mysterious geomantic gold they secretly guard? Could dragons be a folk memory of something which once hunted us? In this beautiful little book, Hargreaves tells the story of these extraordinary creatures through examples drawn from around the world.

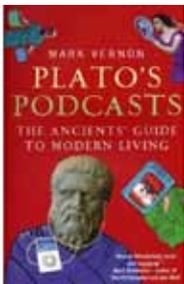


## The Life You Can Save Acting Now to End World Poverty

Peter SINGER  
240pp Pb \$26.95

"What if I told you that you can save a life, even many lives?"

Do you have a bottle of water or a can of soda on the table beside you as you read this book? If you are paying for something to drink when safe drinking water comes out of the tap, you have money to spend on things you don't really need. Around the world, a billion people struggle to live each day on less than you paid for that drink. They can't afford even the most basic health care for their families, so their children may die from simple, easily treatable diseases like diarrhoea. You can help them. This is the book that Singer has wanted to write for 30 years, discussing how the privileged should respond to hunger and poverty. We live in a unique moment in history where the rich can genuinely help the poor, but this will only happen if the rich care enough to make some small personal sacrifices...

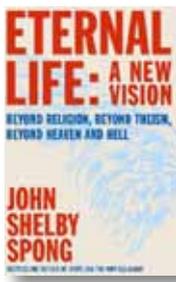


## Plato's Podcasts The Ancients' Guide to Modern Living

Mark VERNON  
224pp Pb \$24.99

Do you ever get the feeling that something went wrong? What with credit crunches, wars, congestion charges and unemployment, it is natural to hark back to less complicated

times. In this witty and inspiring book, the author does just that! However, we are not talking about the 1980s... try 400BC! Filled with timeless insight into life, relationships, work and partying, this book takes a sideways glance at modern living and presents the would-be thoughts of ancient philosophers on various topics central to our 21st century existence. From Plato on podcasts to Epicurus on bottled water, this is a funny but profound take on what life means today... and 2,000 years ago!

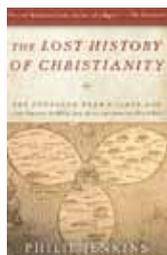


## Eternal Life A New Vision: Beyond Religion, Beyond Theism, Beyond Heaven and Hell

John Shelby SPONG  
256pp Tp \$32.99

The author of **Jesus for the Non-Religious** (Tp \$35) and **Why Christianity**

**Must Change or Die** (Pb \$30.95) is known for his controversial ideas and his fight for minority rights. He also has a natural gift for storytelling. These qualities come through in this remarkable spiritual journey about his life-long struggle with the questions of God and death in which he reveals how he ultimately came to believe in eternal life. Spong believes that God is ultimately one, and each of us is part of that oneness. This is how we live on after death: not in Heaven or Hell, but as part of the eternity that continues after we die beyond the barriers of time and space. He also believes the discovery of the eternal can be found within each of us as we go deeper into ourselves and become most fully human. By seeking it, by living each day to its fullest, we will come to understand how we live eternally.

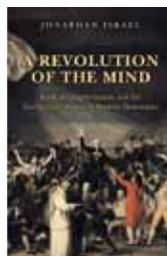


## The Lost History of Christianity

Philip JENKINS  
336pp Tp \$27.99

In this groundbreaking book, the author reveals that for centuries Christianity's centre was actually in the Middle East, Asia and Africa, with significant communities extending as far

as China. The world's largest and most influential Christian churches existed to the east of the Roman Empire, and these churches and their leaders ruled the Middle East for centuries and became the chief administrators and academics in the new Muslim empire. The author takes a stand against current scholars who assert that variant, alternative Christianities disappeared in the 4th and 5th centuries on the heels of a newly formed hierarchy under Constantine, intent on crushing unorthodox views. Rather, the author posits that the largest churches in the world were the 'heretics' who lost the orthodox battles. *Due Feb*



## A Revolution of the Mind

Jonathan ISRAEL  
296pp Hb \$42.95

Democracy, free thought and expression, religious tolerance, individual liberty, political self-determination of people, sexual and racial equality – these values have firmly entered

the mainstream since enshrined in the 1948 UN Declaration of Human Rights. But if these ideals no longer seem radical, their origin was very radical indeed. This volume traces their philosophical roots to what was once considered the least respectable strata of Enlightenment thought – what the author calls the 'Radical Enlightenment'. Originating as a clandestine movement of ideas, the Radical Enlightenment matured in opposition to the moderate mainstream Enlightenment dominant in Europe and America in the 18th century. During the revolutionary decades of the 1770s, 80s and 90s, the Radical Enlightenment provided vigorous opposition against principles linked to upholding censorship, church authority, social inequality, racial segregation, religious discrimination and far-reaching privilege for ruling groups. This fascinating history reveals the surprising origin of our most cherished values and helps explain why they are often disapproved of and attacked even today.



## Philosophy in the Present

Alain BADIOU & Slavoj ZIZEK  
80pp Pb \$27.95

Two controversial thinkers discuss a timeless but urgent question: should philosophy interfere in the world? Nothing less than philosophy is at stake because, according to

Badiou, philosophy is nothing but interference and commitment and will not be restrained by academic discipline. Philosophy is strange and new, yet speaks in the name of all, as Badiou demonstrates with his theory of universality. Similarly, Zizek believes the philosopher must intervene, contrary to all expectations, in key issues of the time. He can offer no direction, but this only shows that the question has been posed incorrectly; it is valid to change the terms of the debate and settle on philosophy as abnormality and excess. Both an invitation to philosophy and an introduction to the thinking of two of today's most topical and controversial philosophers, this concise volume will be of great interest to students and general readers alike.



## MISCELLANEOUS



## Whoops!

John LANCHESTER  
256pp Hb \$49.95

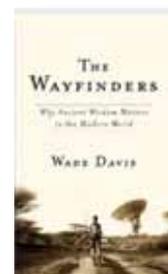
There is probably a word in German for that feeling you get when you can understand something while it is being explained to you, but lose hold of the explanation as soon as it stops. A lot of writing about the credit crunch has that effect: you

can grasp it while it's going on, then as soon as it's over, you can no longer remember the difference between a CDO, a CDS, an MBS and a toasted cheese sandwich. What went wrong? In 2000, the total GDP of Earth was \$36 trillion. At the start of 2007 it was \$70 trillion. That growth has now gone suddenly and sharply into decline. Lanchester travels with a cast of characters including reckless bankers, snoozing regulators, complacent politicians, predatory lenders, credit-drunk spendthrifts and innocent bystanders to what is happening and why we feel the way we do. *Due Feb*

## A History of Capitalism

Joyce APPLEBY 496pp Hb \$44.95

With its deep roots and global scope, the capitalist system provides the framework for our lives. Taking shape centuries ago, capitalism started with a handful of isolated changes in farming, trade and manufacturing clustered in early-modern England. Astute observers began to notice these changes and consider their effects, while those in power began to harness these new practices to the state. A system generating wealth, power and new ideas arose to reshape societies in a constant surge of change. Approaching capitalism as a culture, as important for its ideas and values as for its inventions and systems, the author offers a fascinating introduction to this most potent creation of mankind. *Due Feb*



## The Wayfinders

Wade DAVIS 272pp Pb \$29.95

This book takes readers on a journey through time to discover ancient wisdoms, languages and cultures. Some are already extinct; others are quickly on their way out. It is estimated that 50% of the languages spoken today will disappear in our lifetime. Davis provides an

enlightening, awe-inspiring and cautionary look at vanishing cultures and languages. *Due Feb*

## Smile or Die

### How Positive Thinking Fooled America and the World

Barbara EHRENREICH 240pp Pb \$29.99

This brilliant book explores the tyranny of positive thinking. When the author became ill with breast cancer, she found herself surrounded by pink ribbons, bunny rabbits and platitudes. She balked at the way her anger and sadness were seen as unhealthy and dangerous by health professionals and other cancer sufferers. In her droll and incisive analysis of 'the cult of cheerfulness', she also ranges across contemporary religion, business and the economy, arguing, for example, that undue optimism and a fear of giving bad news helped sow the seeds for the current banking crisis. She argues passionately that the insistence on being cheerful actually leads to a lonely focus inwards, a blaming of oneself for any misfortunes, and thus to political apathy. Rigorous, insightful and very funny, this book uncovers the dark side of the 'have a nice day' nation.



## FEBRUARY SPECIALS WHILE STOCK LASTS



### The End of Overeating

David KESSLER  
320pp Pb \$26.95

Many of us find ourselves powerless in front of a bag of crisps, a packet of biscuits or a slice of pizza. But why can't we say no? David Kessler, the dynamic former head of the US

Food and Drug Administration, exposes how modern food manufacturers have hijacked the brains of millions by turning our meals into perfectly engineered portions of fat, salt and sugar. The result is a ticking timebomb of obesity, heart conditions and a mass of health problems around the globe. He reveals how our appetites are increasingly conditioned by hyper-palatable foods to simply keep us eating. This book explores how, through ethical choices, we can reclaim our cravings and our bodies.



### The Men Who Stare at Goats

(Film Tie-in)  
Jon RONSON

240pp Pb \$24.99

In 1979, a secret unit was established by the US Army. Defying all known military practice – and indeed the laws of physics – they believed that

a soldier could adopt a cloak of invisibility, pass cleanly through walls and, perhaps most chillingly, kill goats just by staring at them. They were the First Earth Battalion. And they weren't joking! What's more, they're back and fighting the War on terror. Why are Iraqi prisoners of war forced to repeatedly listen to Barney the purple dinosaur's theme tune at top volume? Why have a hundred de-bleated goats been secretly placed inside the Special Forces command centre at Fort Bragg, North Carolina? Has the US Army really enlisted the help of Uri Geller? So unbelievable it has to be true, this is the real-life account that inspired the new film directed by Grant Heslov.



### Journeys to the Interior

Nicholas ROTHWELL  
352pp Tp \$32.00

Australia's centre and north are a world apart from its coastal cities. There you will find unique natural wonders, visionary art, original thinkers and, sometimes,

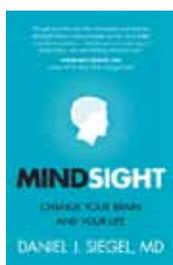
distilled despair and death. In this book, the author travels deep into the northern realm, combining the storytelling flair and persistence of a journalist with the imagination of an artist. Following on from the acclaimed *Another Country* (Pb \$24.95), this includes haunting and perceptive portraits of Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu, Ian Fairweather, Noel Pearson and Galarrwuy Yunupingu, among others. There are explorations of the natural world – of pythons, desert oaks and magpie geese. And there are wonderful introductions to the art and artists that bring the northern landscape alive and transform it, whether through painting, dance or photography.

### Everything is Connected

#### The Power of Music

Daniel BARENBOIM 224pp Pb \$27.99

The power of music lies in its ability to speak to all aspects of the human being – the animal, the emotional, the intellectual and the spiritual. Music teaches us, in short, that everything is connected. Barenboim's new book vividly describes his lifelong pursuit of knowledge and understanding, not only of music and of life, but of one through the other.

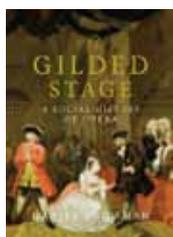


### Mindsight Change Your Brain and Your Life

Daniel SIEGEL  
336pp Tp \$35.00

From a pioneer in the field of mental health comes a new book on the healing power of 'mindsight', the capacity for insight and empathy that

allows you to make positive changes in your brain and your life. The author, a Harvard-trained professor, coined the term 'mindsight' to describe the innovative integration of brain science with the practice of psychotherapy. With a wealth of personal, hands-on experience and access to the latest research, he uses interactive examples and case histories from his practice to demonstrate how mindsight can be applied to alleviate a range of psychological and interpersonal problems, from anxiety disorders to ingrained patterns of behaviour.

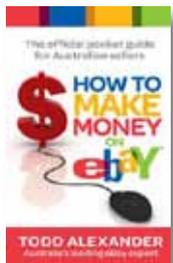


### The Gilded Stage A Social History of Opera

Daniel SNOWMAN  
484pp Hb \$99.95

From opera's beginnings in the courts of northern Italy to its spread across Europe and the world, this book explores

the world of opera houses and impresarios, monarchs and money makers, artists and audiences. By the 19th century, opera was no longer a European monopoly. The author follows Mozart's librettist and Rossini's first Count Almaviva to New York and beyond, catching glimpses of performances, alongside the bravado and bawdiness of the American and Australian frontiers. Even Caruso and Toscanini could scarcely have imagined the global reach of opera in our own times. More opera is now performed, financed, seen, heard, filmed and broadcast than ever before and the world's leading performers are worshipped and paid like pop stars, yet the art form is still widely derided as elitist and some parts of the classical recording business appear close to bankruptcy. However, the world of opera has always known crisis and uncertainty, and the resulting struggles have often proved every bit as dramatic as those portrayed onstage.



### How to Make Money on eBay

The Official Pocket  
Guide for Australian  
Sellers

Todd ALEXANDER  
120pp Pb \$14.99

This nifty little number is an easy-to-use, comprehensive guide that includes tips for

staying safe online; ideas for sourcing products to sell; user guides for advanced selling tools; tips for improving your ranking in eBay's search results; marketing advice for increasing sales and securing repeat customers; tips for staying ahead of the competition; and 12 eBay rules every seller must know. It includes step-by-step instructions and images taken directly from the eBay site.



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Ray PARKIN Tp was \$49.95 NOW \$22.00

Here in one accessible volume is Parkin's highly acclaimed, multi-award winning study of Cook's bark Endeavour. This incomparable book is at once a unique account of a great journey of discovery – Endeavour's voyage up the east coast of New Holland in 1770 – and a remarkable recreation of the experience of being on board ship.

### Assassins

The Story of Medieval Islam's  
Secret Sect

W B BARTLETT Pb was \$29.99 NOW \$14.95

This deftly traces the origins of the sect out of the schisms within the early Islamic religion and follows the vivid history of the group, including its clash with the crusaders, its near destruction at the hands of the Mongols and its subsequent history. Finally, it shows how the myths surrounding the assassins have developed over time and why they continue to have such an impact on the popular imagination.

### Black Barty

The Real Pirate of the Caribbean

Aubrey BURL Pb was \$19.95 NOW \$9.95

Bartholomew Roberts, believed to be the first to fly the skull and crossbones, was easily one of the most successful and deadly pirates in history. Within two years, he accumulated over 51 million pounds worth of treasure and took close to 400 ships throughout the Americas, Africa and Europe. He was fearless in battle, yet good to his prisoners and fair to his crew. He drank a lot of tea instead of alcohol, was well mannered and clean shaven, and discouraged drinking and gambling among his crew.

### Ciano's Diary 1937-1943

Galeazzo CIANO Tp was \$49.99 NOW \$22.00

Mussolini's Foreign Minister and son-in-law, Count Ciano kept one of the most important and influential diaries to come out of WWII. These are those diaries, covering events from 1937 to 1943, finishing days before his own execution by firing squad for conspiring against his father-in-law.

### Remembered Gardens

Eight Women and their Visions of an  
Australian Landscape

Holly Kerr FORSYTH Hb was \$49.95 NOW \$22.00

Through personal records and public archives, Forsyth brings to life eight women's experiences – their challenging and sometimes tragic stories are set against the backdrop of their gardens, which provided them with sanctuary and a way to express themselves in the often hostile Australian environment. Beautifully illustrated, Forsyth celebrates these women's lives with more than 200 photographs of some of Australia's foremost gardens.

AND BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:

### Australia's Quarter Acre

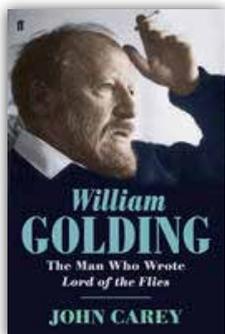
The Story of the Ordinary  
Suburban Garden

Peter TIMMS Hb was \$39.95 NOW \$16.95

In this fascinating look at Australia's ordinary suburban block, Timms traces the development of its design, plantings and hidden meanings.



## FROM EVE ABBEY



I was completely absorbed by John Carey's **William Golding: The Man Who Wrote Lord of the Flies** (\$49.99 Hb 572 pp). Golding's early days as an unpublished author, filling his days as a not very good teacher, were filled with resentment. When he applied to Oxford, his interviewer noted "N.Q.G." on his card (Not Quite a Gentleman!), but by the end of his life, after many other momentous books, this puzzling and disturbing author was happily swanning around as 'Sir William' on overseas jaunts for the British Council.

Have you seen the latest Jane Campion film *Bright Star*, about Keats and his love Fanny Brawne? You

might like to check the story out in Andrew Motion's biography of **Keats** (\$39.95 Pb 672pp), or perhaps **Posthumous Keats: A Personal Biography** by Stanley Plumly (\$27.95 Pb 400pp). We have several editions of Keats' poems, such as **Bright Star: The Complete Poems and Selected Letters** (\$27.95 Pb 524pp) including indexes of both First Lines and Titles; **John Keats: Poems Selected by Andrew Motion** (\$12.95 Pb published by Faber); the Penguin Classics edition **Complete Poems** (\$24.95 Pb 754pp); **Selected Poems** edited by John Barnard (\$22.95 Pb 275pp), which includes a Glossary of Classical Names used by Keats; and **So Bright and Delicate** (\$24.95 Pb 132pp), which contains Love Letters and Poems to Fanny Brawne. There is also a CD called **Realms of Gold: Letters and Poems of Keats** read by Samuel West with Matthew Marsh (\$23.95 special price while stocks last, usually \$31.95).

If you're planning a holiday in Tasmania, or thinking of moving to live in Hobart (as lots of people do after a stress-free holiday there), it would be a good idea to read **In Search of Hobart** by Peter Timms, with an introduction by Robert Dessaix (\$29.95 Hb 277pp). It is a judicious essay outlining the changes which have taken place, and are taking place, in the beautiful island which Tasman judged to be "too far south for spices" and "too close to the rim of the earth".

If you are a musician (or just an appreciator of music), I recommend Anna Goldsworthy's memoir, **Piano Lessons** (\$27.95 Pb 240pp). Brilliant scholar, international pianist and member of the Seraphim Trio, Anna writes beautifully about her musical education, especially about her Russian-born teacher, who taught her about life as well. Anna is the daughter of one of my favourite Australian writers, Peter Goldsworthy, so I'm not surprised she writes so well. The book I liked best by Peter Goldsworthy is **Maestro** (\$22.95 Pb 172pp), set in Darwin and featuring a European music teacher obviously modelled on Anna's teacher. Anna and her father later collaborated on a theatrical adaptation of **Maestro**.

Were you interested in the SBS program on Scottish history? I think there are many descendants of Scots here in Australia, even myself. Here are some suggestions from our Scots, Irish & Welsh subsection of Modern British History. A good reference book for both the expert and the browser is **Companion to Scottish History** edited by Donnachie and Hewitt (\$30.95 Pb 400pp), revised and updated in 2007 and covering the period from the 10th century to the present. **The Highland Clearances** by Evie Richards (\$24.95 Pb 512pp) is about that tragic period which still haunts the minds of many people, especially migrants. Magnus Magnusson, the famous chronicler of Viking history, has produced a very readable people's history in **Scotland: The Story of a Nation** (\$29.95 Pb 752pp), covering the period from Mesolithic settlers to the formation of the Scottish Parliament in 1999. At the other end of the scale you could choose a collection of essays published in 2006 and edited by Roger Mason for Cambridge University Press, **Scots and Britons: Scottish Political Thought and the Union of 1603** (\$89.95 Pb 340pp).

Of course, anyone can be interested in Mary Queen of Scots, whose name trips off the tongue. Here are some suggestions: **Accidental Tragedy: The Life of Mary Queen of Scots** by Roderick Graham, published September 2009 (\$29.95 Pb 480pp), who sees Mary as less of an intellectual force, but relying on her charm and beauty. David Tweedie's book, **David Rizzio and Mary Queen of Scots: Murder at Holyrood** (\$44.95 Pb 216pp), published in 2008, takes a more sensational look at her life. Or perhaps you will prefer Reitha Warnicke's book simply titled **Mary Queen of Scots** (\$48 Pb 336 pp), published in 2006. Warnicke is a leading historian of Tudor times. Another idea is Susan Watkins' book, **Mary Queen of Scots** (\$45 Pb 224pp), also published in 2009, which is beautifully illustrated and concentrates on the domestic details of Mary's time. Finally, there are

books from those two stalwarts, Antonia Fraser and Alison Weir - a new 40th anniversary edition of Antonia Fraser's **Mary Queen of Scots** (\$27.99 Pb 824pp), which is great value, while Alison Weir's book, also called **Mary Queen of Scots**, concentrates on Darnley's murder (\$27.95 Pb 640pp).

There is another new book in our Historiography section, very aptly titled **How to Write History that People Want to Read** by Ann Curthoys and Ann McGrath (\$34.95 Pb 263pp incl index). This book itself is a nice easy read, friendly, but willing to give you some hard and fast rules, and plenty of good advice. You can find more good advice in our Writing & Publishing section upstairs, such as Kate Grenville's **Writing from Start to Finish: A Six-Step Guide** (\$24.95 Lp 216pp incl index and Quick Guide to Grammar). Grenville teams up with Sue Woolfe to write **Making Stories** (\$26.95 Pb 312pp), which is used in many writing classes. Two other constant sellers are **The Elements of Story: Field Notes on Non-Fiction Writing** (\$48 Pb 293pp) by New York Times writer Francis Flaherty, and **Story: Substance, Structure, Style and the Principles of Screen Writing** by Robert McKee (\$49.95 Pb, \$59.95 Hb, 466pp incl index). If you intend to stick to your intentions, it may be worth getting the hardback!

Next to Writing & Publishing we have a good selection of books on grammar and usage. One new arrival is **A Dictionary of Modern English Usage: The Classic First Edition** by H W Fowler (\$47.95 Hb 784pp). Usually known simply as 'Fowler', this has been the most important book on English usage during the last century. Expert David Crystal has written a fascinating introduction and supplied notes on how and why usage has changed. Some things are never quite settled are they? Such as whether it is 'whatever' or 'what ever'? One might reply "whatever", which might be quite rude!

Did you enjoy the latest Dickens adaptation of **Oliver Twist**? Abbey's always carries various editions of this Classic. In fact I couldn't help noticing in the weeks before Christmas how our Classics row thinned out. The Classics are great value. Besides the usual Penguin edition (\$8.95), we still have some of the splendid NoneSuch editions, such as **Nicholas Nickleby** (835pp) and **Christmas Books** (482pp), \$69.95 each. Of course, we can order any other titles in this important series. The NoneSuch editions are the last ones personally corrected by Dickens himself, and include the illustrations selected by him. Very nicely produced and great value.

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I am rather taken with the beautiful book produced as the catalogue for the German exhibition of James Cook memorabilia. Called **James Cook and the Exploration of the Pacific** (\$75 Hb 276pp), it is filled with marvellous illustrations, capturing the wonder of his encounters with people on the other side of the world (our side). I shifted an interesting book from Society & Culture into Pacific History to go with this - **Strangers in the South Seas: The Idea of the Pacific in Western Thought: An Anthology** by Richard Lansdown (\$59.95 Pb 428pp incl index). This is published by University of Hawaii Press and contains a wonderfully divergent collection of extracts from people such as Daniel Defoe, Bronislaw Manlinowski, Margaret Mead, Arthur Grimble, Norman Mailer and even our own Nancy Phelan.

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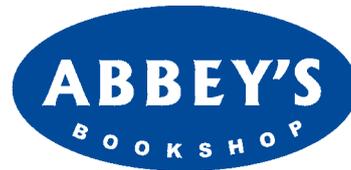
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